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Once Upon a Time

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Everybody loves Jumbo!
You can read more about
him on Page 10 inside.

Beauty and the Beast



1. Beauty's father had returned home. Because of his promise to the mysterious Beast, he had to leave Beauty behind in the Beast's castle. After he had gone, Beauty amused herself by walking in the gardens. The Beast, unseen by Beauty, was shily watching her.



2. Later that evening, Beauty went down to the Great Hall of the Castle and there she found that dinner for two had been laid out on the table. She was very hungry so she sat down and started to eat. A few moments later the Beast appeared and bowed politely.



3. Beauty was frightened and her hands trembled. "May I come in?" asked the Beast in a quiet voice. Beauty pulled herself together. She nodded silently, and the Beast came in and sat down at the table. "Do not be afraid of me," he said. "I will not harm you."



4. "You see, I live here by myself," went on the Beast. "And life is so lonely. I am hoping you will make my life happier." Then he spoke about many things. Beauty began to lose her fear and even allowed the Beast to kiss her hand when he said "Good-night."



5. Time went by and Beauty found that the Beast was always thinking of her happiness and comfort. Often they would sit and talk and even laugh together. Then, one day the Beast asked Beauty to marry him. Beauty sighed and turned away her head sadly.



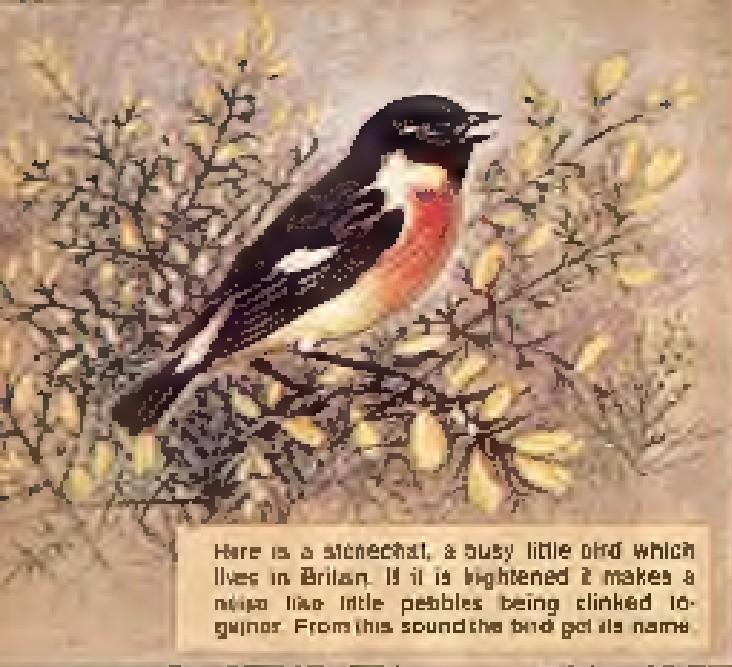
6. "No," said Beauty. "I cannot marry you but I will do all else I can to make you happy." The Beast shook his head and left her. That night Beauty was sitting at her dressing-table, thinking of her father. Suddenly she saw her father in the mirror, lying on a sick-bed, very ill.



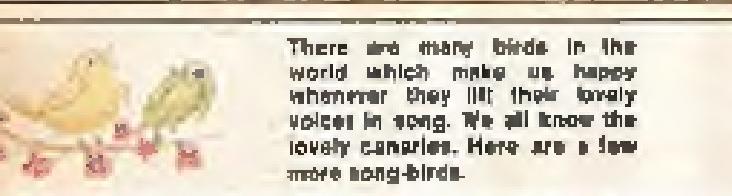
7. Beauty realised that she was looking into a magic mirror, another of the wonders she was always coming across in the Enchanted Castle. Swiftly she sped to the Beast's study. She told him what she had seen and said that she would like to visit her father at once.



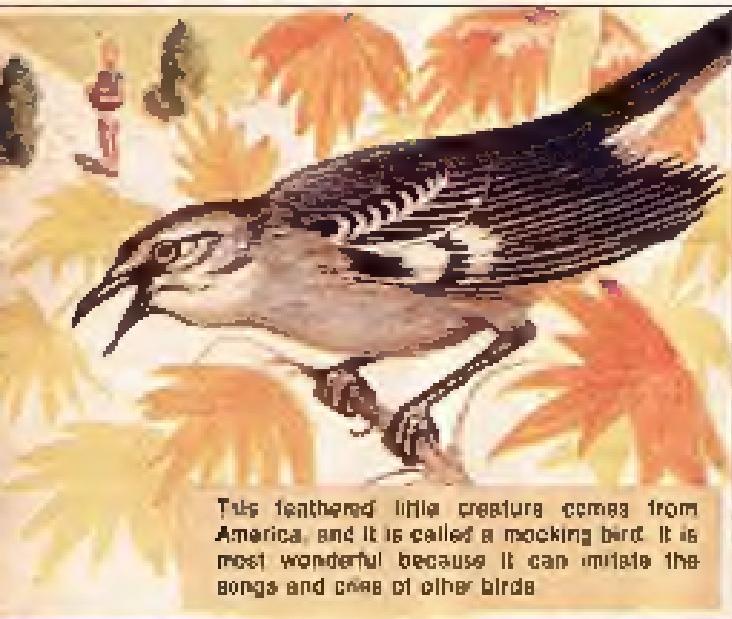
8. "Will you be sure to return here as soon as your father is well again?" asked the Beast gently. Beauty gave him her promise and he handed her a rose. "Take this rose and you will be carried at once to any place you choose," he said. "But remember your promise!"



Here is a sturnella, a busy little bird which lives in Britain. If it is frightened it makes a noise like little pebbles being clinked together. From this sound the bird gets its name.



There are many birds in the world which make us happy whenever they sing their lovely voices in song. We all know the lovely canaries. Here are a few more song-birds.



This feathered little creature comes from America, and it is called a mocking bird. It is most wonderful because it can imitate the songs and calls of other birds.



This is the cheerful and friendly robin with its bright red breast and sweet song. A robin will make its nest in all sorts of places, such as an old wallering-cam, or even a boot!

All Sorts



When the tiny wren sings you wonder how such a loud song can come from such a small bird. To keep warm three or more wrens will huddle in one nest.



You may think a blackcap is a common bird until you see his shining black head or hear his lovely song. Blackcaps are clever at mimicking other birds.



Linnets roam about in gardens and heaths and they like to perch in a thicket of stubble and look for weed seeds. This cock bird is showing off his red crown and chest.



The nightingale sings all night to the hen bird, while she sits on her eggs. When the baby birds arrive, he sings no more because he has to catch caterpillars for his family.



The lovely lark flies higher than any other singing bird. It generally makes its nest in something hollow in a field. Often the hollow is no more than a horse's hoof-print.

of Song Birds



Have you ever watched a blackbird in your garden? He hops about knocking his head on the side listening for worms. What sharp hearing he must have.



Who is this pretty little creature? It is called a yellowhammer. In winter, yellowhammers fly around with finches and sparrows in fields round farms.



In February you might hear the song of this gay bird. He is one of the first songs of Spring. It is the chaffinch and he likes to run and hop about looking for seeds and berries.



The blue tit is fun to watch and seems just as happy upside down pecking at bacon hanging on a string. Blue tits sometimes open milk bottles on the doorstep and have a drink.



BRER RABBIT

Brer Rabbit rides Brer Fox like a horse. Relied by Barbara Hayes.

NOW I expect those of you who read about Brer Rabbit and the Tar-Baby the other week, might be wondering if being caught like that upset Brer Rabbit.

After all, being stuck on the Tar-Baby had very nearly been the end of Brer Rabbit.

Any other creature would have run away from those parts and never gone near Brer Fox again.

But not Brer Rabbit.

In just a few days, he was running round the neighbourhood just as cheeky as ever.

But nevertheless, the Tar-Baby adventure did upset Brer Rabbit a little bit, because the story of it had got round amongst the neighbours.

The next time Brer Rabbit paid a visit to Miss Meadows and the girls they told him they knew all about how he had got

stuck on Brer Fox's Tar-Baby and they laughed at him.

Of course, this made Brer Rabbit want to say something to make Brer Fox look silly.

So Brer Rabbit said: "Ladies, did you know that Brer Fox was my daddy's riding horse for thirty years?"

And with that Brer Rabbit raised his hat and said "Good day" and walked off looking as happy as could be.

Well, as it happened, the next day, Brer Fox went calling on Miss Meadows.

He had no sooner started boasting about how Brer Rabbit had got stuck on his Tar-Baby, than Miss Meadows asked, "What is all this about your being a riding horse for Brer Rabbit's daddy, then?"

And one of her girls said: "We thought you were too proud to be a riding horse for anyone, Brer Fox!"

Brer Fox ground his teeth with rage

and he said: "Indeed! I won't say that you aren't telling the truth, but I surely say that Brer Rabbit wasn't telling the truth, when he told you that story."

"And what is more, I'll make Brer Rabbit eat his words right in front of you where you can see him doing it!"

And with that Brer Fox marched off.

When he reached the main road, Brer Fox shook the dew off his tail and he raced towards Brer Rabbit's house.

But when he got there, of course, Brer Rabbit was expecting him and the door was fast shut.

Brer Fox knocked.

Nobody answered.

Brer Fox knocked.

Nobody answered.

Then he knocked again—blam! blam!

Then Brer Rabbit called out in a very weak voice: "Is that you, Brer Fox? I want you to run and fetch the doctor. I

ate some parsley this morning and it has made me feel mighty sickly. Do please, Brer Fox, be quick."

But Brer Fox replied: "I've come to fetch you, Brer Rabbit. There's going to be a party up at Miss Meadows' house. All the girls will be there and I promised that I would fetch you. The girls said that it wouldn't be a proper party if you weren't there!"

Then Brer Rabbit said he was too sick to go. Brer Fox said he wasn't.

Brer Rabbit said he couldn't walk. Brer Fox said he would carry him.

Brer Rabbit said Brer Fox would drop him. Brer Fox swore that he wouldn't.

By and by Brer Rabbit said he would go if Brer Fox carried him on his back.

Brer Fox said he would.

Brer Rabbit said he couldn't ride without a saddle and bridle.

Brer Fox said he would get a saddle and bridle.

Brer Rabbit said he couldn't ride unless

Brer Fox wore blinkers, because Brer Fox would be shying at tree stumps along the road and would throw over Brer Rabbit off.

Brer Fox said he would get blinkers.

At last Brer Rabbit said he would go.

Then Brer Fox said he would let Brer Rabbit ride him almost up to Miss Meadows' house and then Brer Rabbit must get down and walk the rest of the way.

Brer Rabbit said he would get off.

So when Brer Fox went to fetch the saddle and bridle, Brer Rabbit chuckled to himself and buckled a pair of spurs to his heels.

In a little while Brer Fox trotted back, wearing the saddle, bridle and blinkers and looking just like a circus pony.

Brer Rabbit climbed up on his back and off they went.

Then when they got close to Miss Meadows' house, instead of getting down from Brer Fox's back, Brer Rabbit dug the spurs into Brer Fox's flanks.

WHOOOOOSH! How Brer Fox raced along!

When they reached the house, there were Miss Meadows and the girls sitting on the terrace to watch what would happen.

Cheeky Brer Rabbit rode Brer Fox right up to the house and then tied him up at the hitching post, just as if he were a real horse.

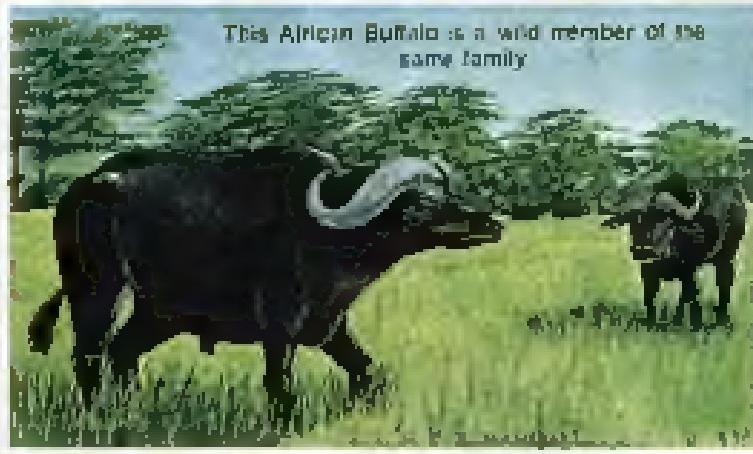
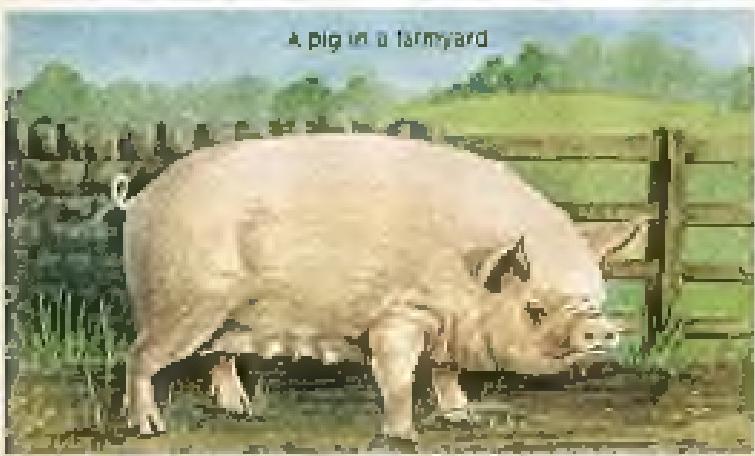
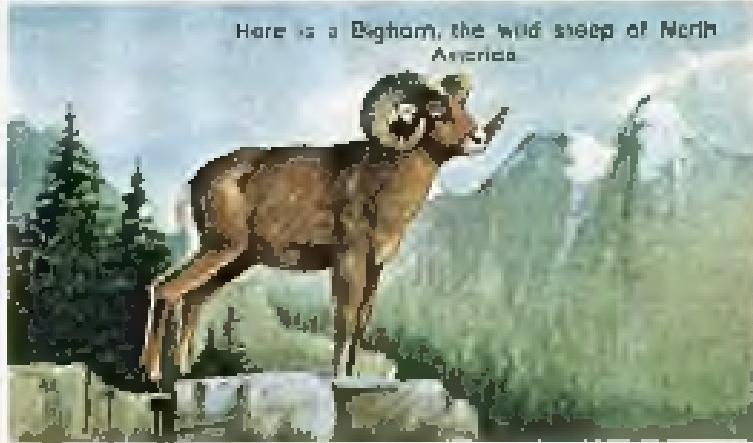
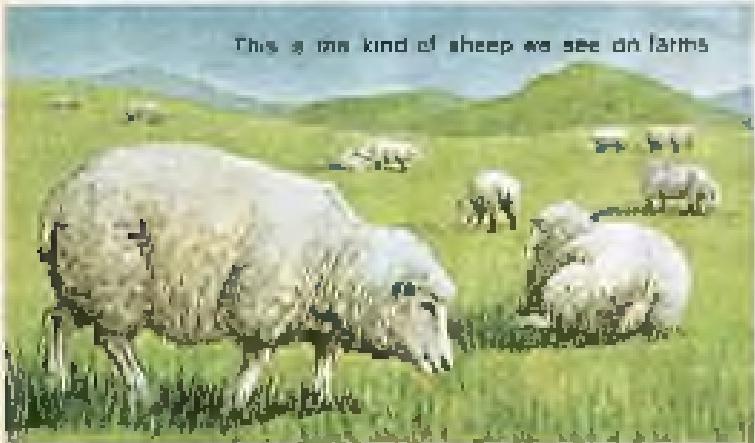
"I told you that Brer Fox was just a riding horse," laughed Brer Rabbit. "Now do you believe me?"

And Miss Meadows and the girls they laughed, they did, and Brer Fox felt mighty, mighty foolish.

Next week you can read more about Brer Fox, the riding horse.



Farm Animals and their Wild Cousins



Where Would You Expect To See Them?



Here is a new game for you. Look at these eight pictures. You would expect to see them in one of the special places listed below. Write against each question the number of the picture you think is correct.

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| A. In a museum? | E. On a motor-road? |
| B. In a kitchen? | F. At the zoo? |
| C. At an airport? | G. On a farm? |
| D. In a riding school? | H. In a harbour? |

Answers:

1 = H 2 = G 3 = D 4 = C 5 = A 6 = B 7 = A

This story is a memory test. Read it carefully and then turn to page 16 and try to answer the questions about it.

YOU will all agree that the elephant is one of the best-loved animals in the world. We all know him as "Jumbo" and rush to see him when we visit the zoo. There he is, friendly and patient, waiting to take us for a comely plodding ride.

There are two kinds of elephants, one larger than the other. The larger lives in Africa and the smaller in India. Our wonderful picture this week shows some African elephants.

The Indian elephant is not difficult to tame and because of this it is sometimes used for riding in the way that a horse is used. Of course, it is too large to wear a saddle! Instead the rider sits on the elephant's head. Also its great strength is useful for carrying out heavy work. With its trunk one work-elephant can lift a log of wood that could otherwise only be moved by the combined strength of many men.

But the proud African elephant will very seldom allow itself to be made use of in this kind of way.

Now, here are some facts about elephants that are well worth remembering.

They usually move around in herds numbering from 10 to 100 or more. The herds are usually led by female elephants.

Elephants sleep either standing up or lying down. They sleep during the hottest part of the day or in the middle of the night. If they are captured, they may not lie down for weeks and it is a fact that some elephants in captivity have refused to lie down for as long as five years.

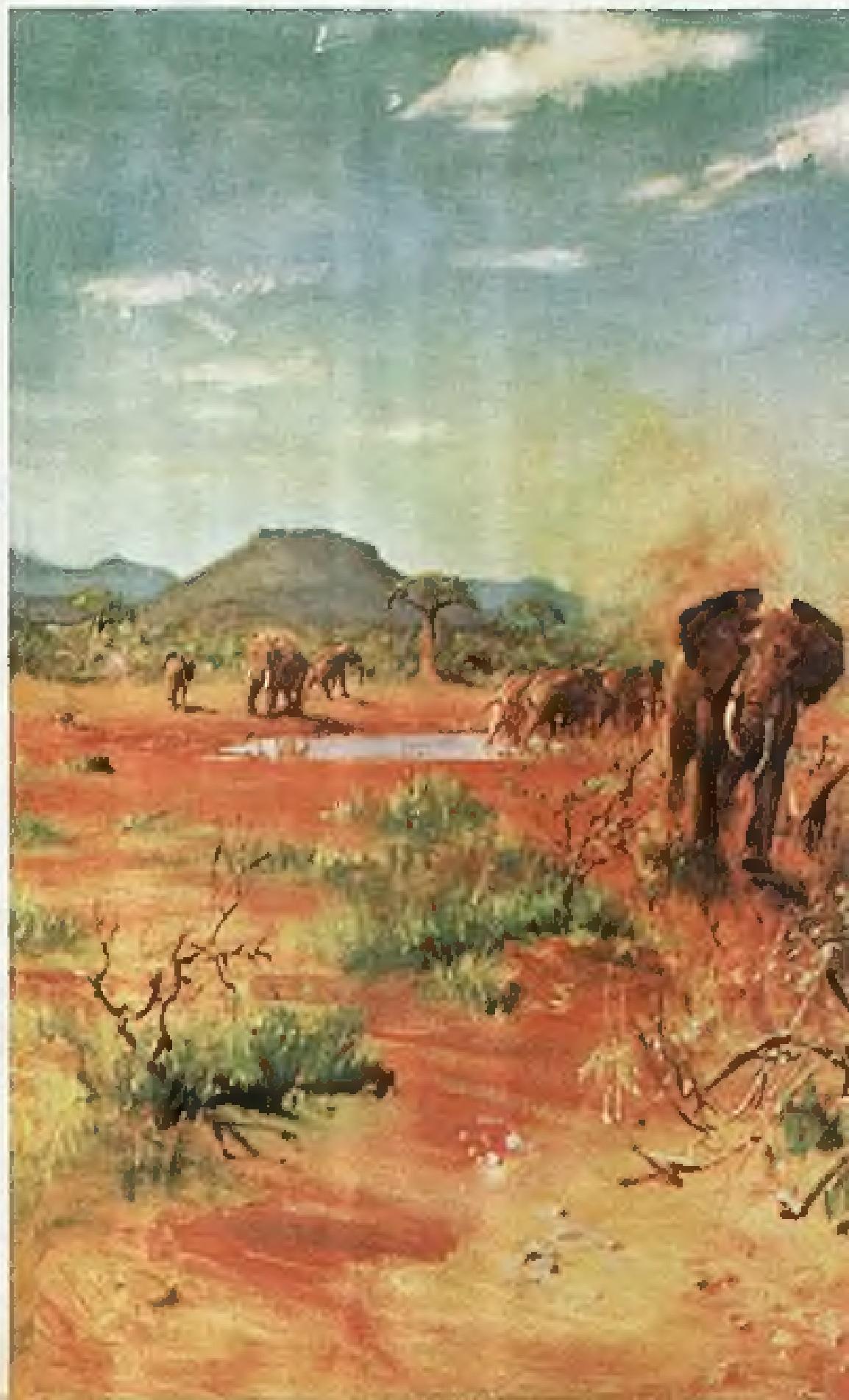
Elephants are very good swimmers and can swim for several hours. They can also run very fast indeed.

Usually, elephants are gentle and good-tempered. But if they become angry, their rage is tremendous. That is when you can hear the elephant trumpeting shrilly. On the other hand, when it is happy it purrs softly.

Now and then, an elephant with a bad-tempered nature will leave the herd and go off on its own. When it does so, it is very dangerous and is called a "rogue elephant".

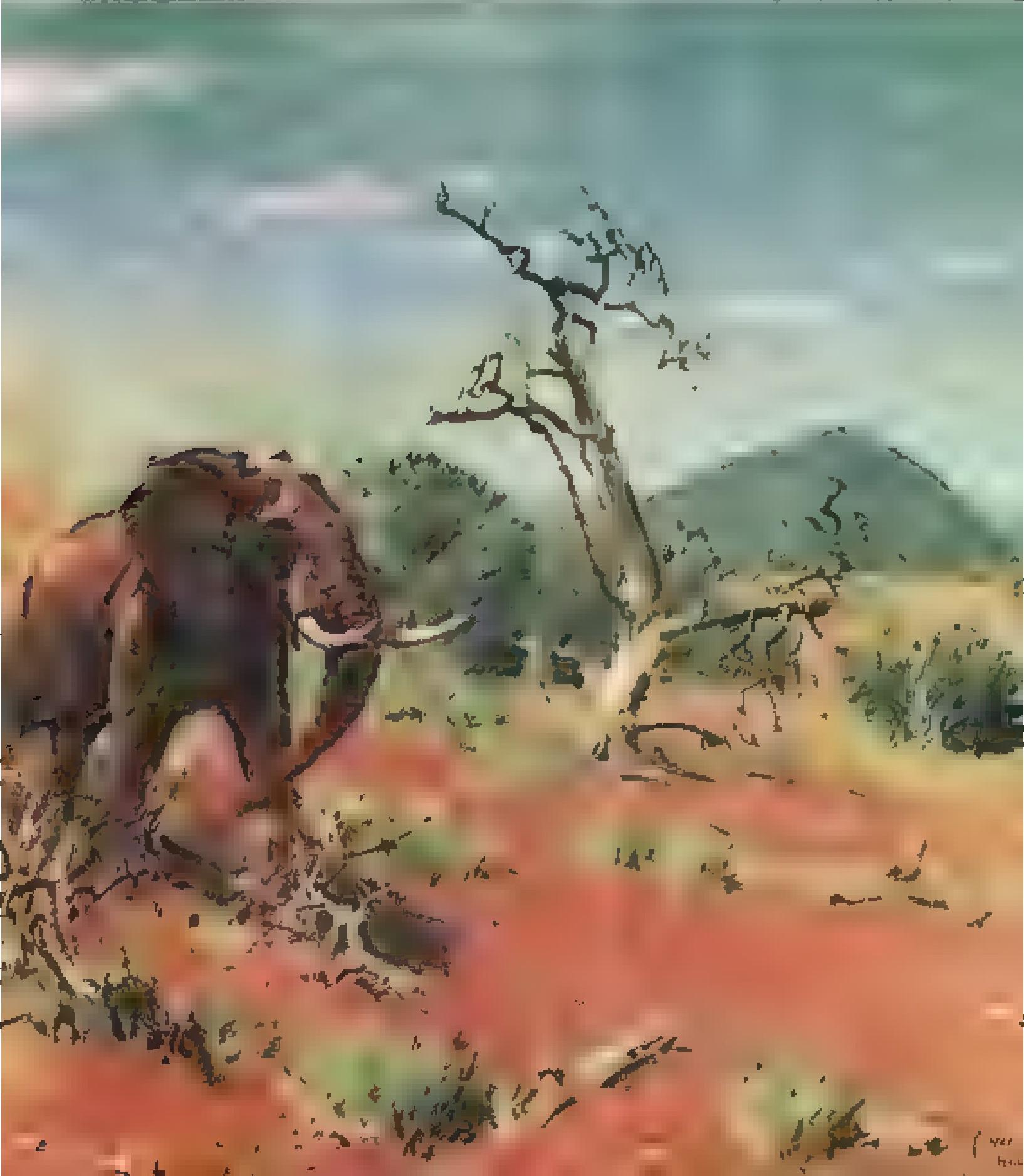
The elephant does not eat meat. It eats grasses and leaves.

The Giant



Lord of the Jungle

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The Swan Princess



1 Once upon a time there was a King who had a daughter. One day he banished her to live in the forest, taking all the gold and jewels with him during a fit of rage. The King did this because...

2 The Princess Anna, the King's only daughter, wandered all the woods with eleven of her closest friends. The King left her and one day her friends taught her how to fly. She could now transform from a human form to the form of a swan. But she was very...



3 One day the spell is showed to her mother by the Magician, he had to add that if the Princess Anna was won the heart of some one she should become his wife. The King was very angry about this.



4 The King was very angry for he had no idea where his daughter had gone but being a King he had...



King Queen Prince Princess Magician Swans Forest Castle
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On the first day of the year, the people of the city of Nanking, China, celebrated the New Year. They dressed in their best clothes and went to the temple to pray for good luck.



The next day, the people of Nanking went to the temple again to pray for good luck. They brought offerings of food and drink to the temple. After the ceremony, they returned home to their families and friends.



On the third day of the year, the people of Nanking celebrated the New Year's Day. They ate special foods, such as dumplings and rice cakes, and exchanged gifts. They also visited their relatives and friends.



15 When the Prince saw Anna he thought she was his own Princess. "Will you dance with me?" she asked. The Prince was about to reply. "With all my heart," when a small spell that had been cast on the dress and when Aurora's story told him at the window.

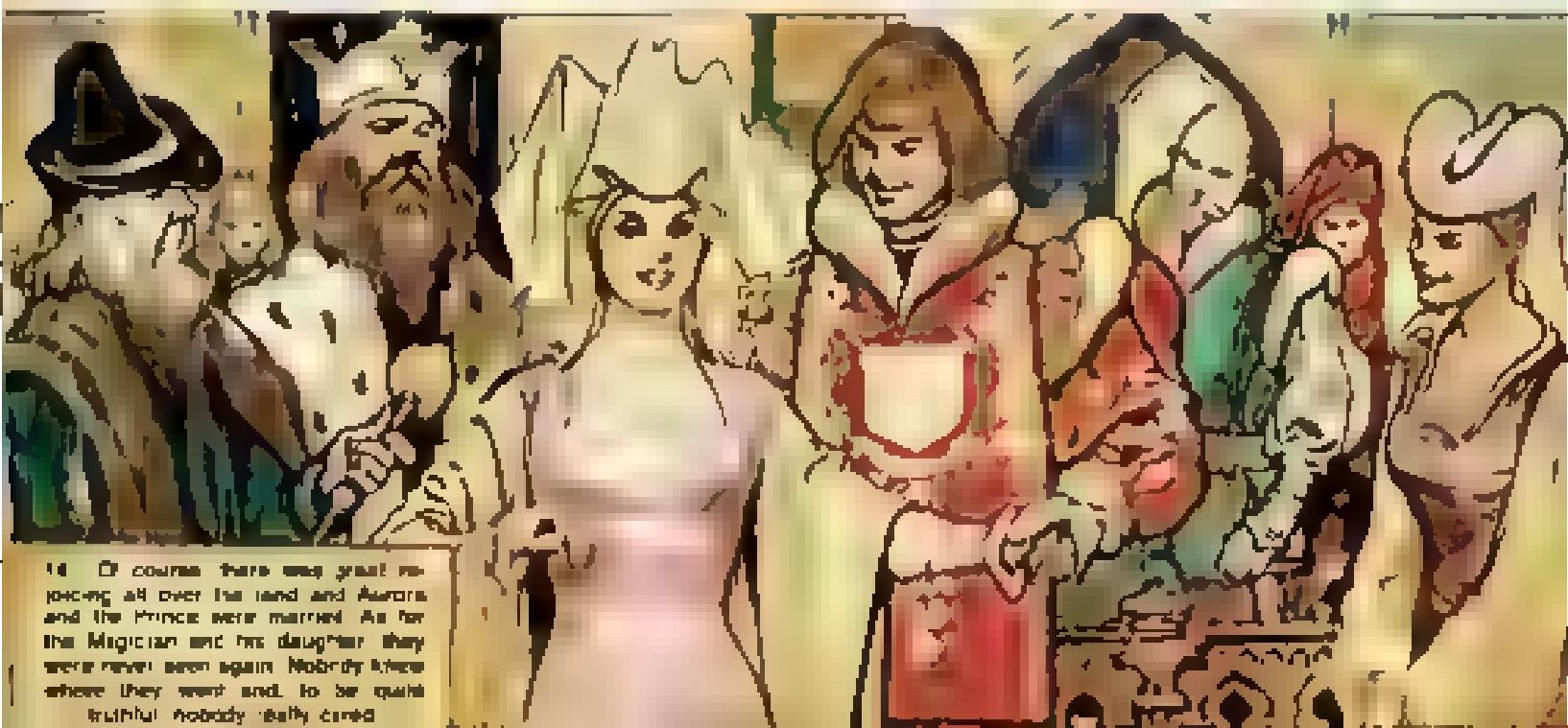


16 Beware Prince! It chirruped. This girl is no a公主. She is Anna the wicked girl who cast the spell.



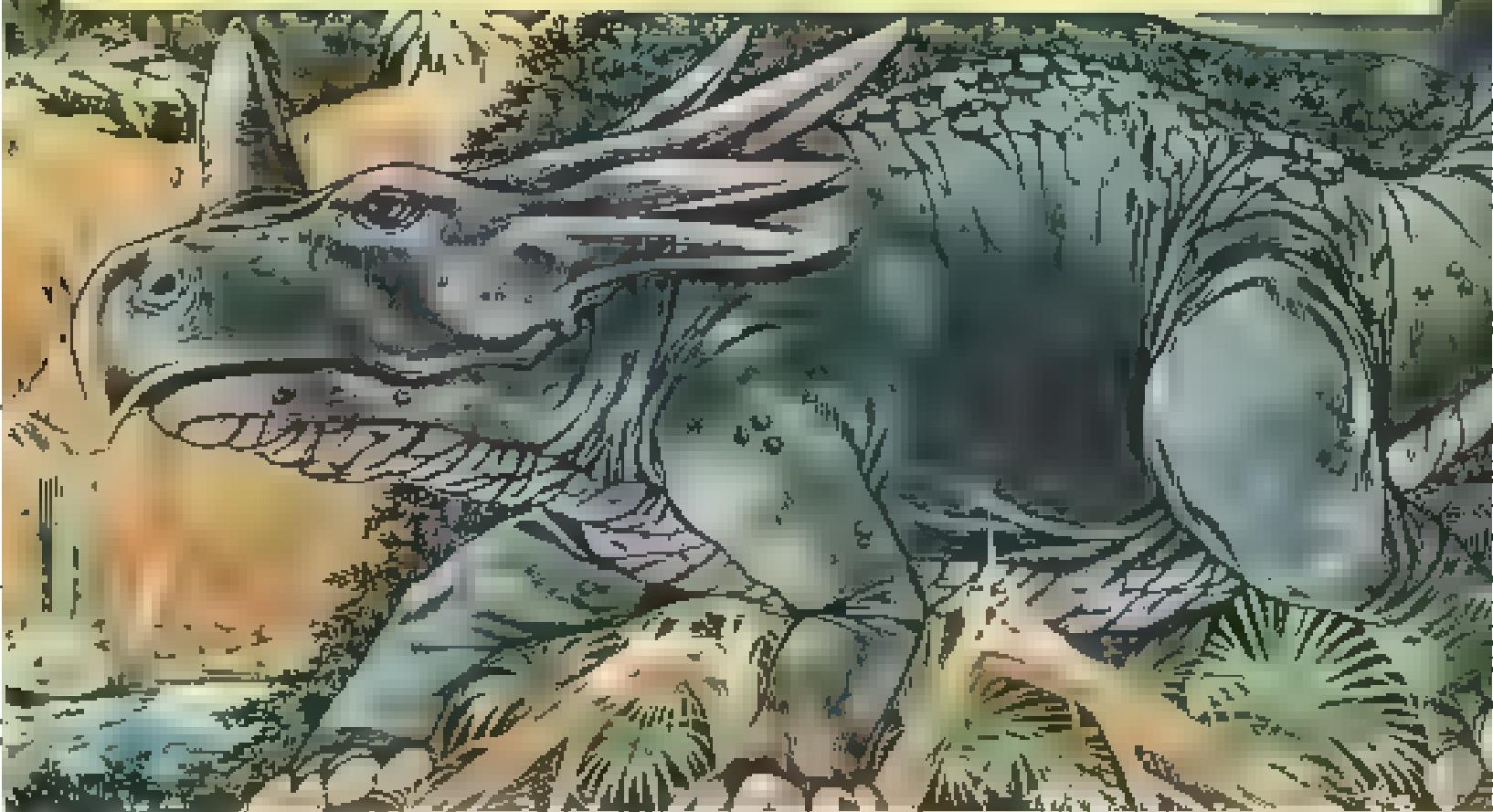
17 Then the Prince just for a moment saw Anna as she really was, and he let back the worth that had been on his tips. Anna gave a cry of rage and vanished. At the same moment a flight of swans

flew through the shadow of the ballroom. They alighted before the Prince and were transformed into Aurora and her ladies. The evil spell was broken at last.



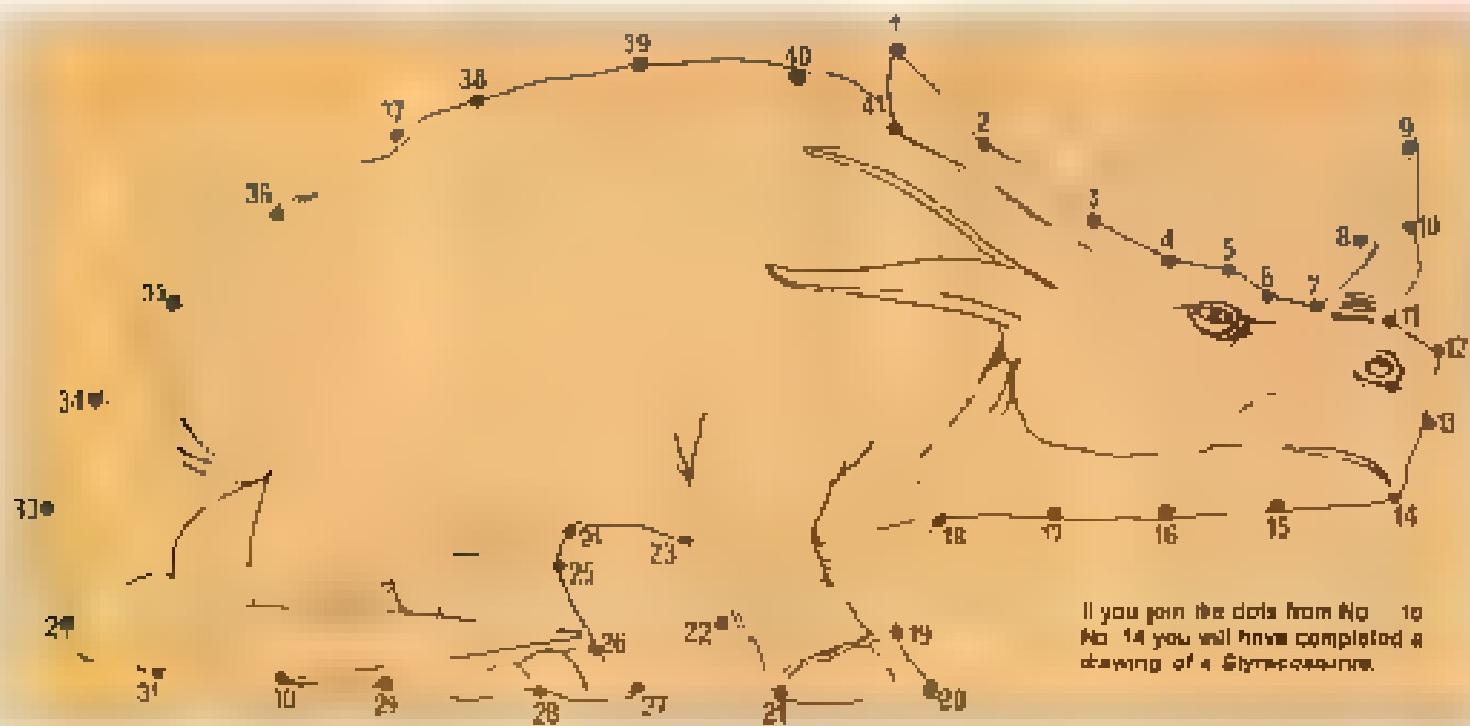
18 Of course there was great rejoicing all over the land and Aurora and the Prince were married. As for the Magician and his daughter they were never seen again. Nobody knew where they went and, to be quite truthful nobody really cared.

A Mighty Monster



This prehistoric animal is a *Stylocosaurus*. 'say STY-lo-koh-SAWR-us' Its name means 'spiked lizard'. It was almost twenty-five feet in length, and had a long neck with more than twenty vertebrae, and a neck-trunk of six long sharp spines.

The *Stylocosaurus*, which was a plant-eater, used its strong horns to defend itself against the huge twenty-and-fifty-foot meat-eating theropods. It fought only when it was attacked.





THE TOWN MOUSE AND THE COUNTRY MOUSE

Story by the Author
By George Paas

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If you are ever visiting some
place in the country, you will
see many mice running about
now.

AND THE WRECKER—of course.

You see, this week's story takes
place out in the country, where Farmer
Bogger and his boy-farmer Berrie live.

And unfortunately a little mouse
called Peek lived there too.

How Peek was one of those people
I am sure you know one yourself—
who could never see anything without
knocking it over, or touch anything
without breaking it, or walk past any
thing without making a dent in it.

Well, one morning, Peek the Wrecker
got his feet out of bed and put on his
slippers.

Anyhow else would have put the
slippers on, but Peek just stood
doing this and put his feet on top of
the slippers and slipped across the
porch floor.

Now as the sun was rising at
the moment he saw a young mouse
running across the floor.

"And the THUMP!"—he thought
when he saw the young mouse.

"Young Peek do you know
why the young mouse ran away?
Are those naughty slippers playing tricks on you again?"

Peek's mother would always find
excuses for the baddest things he
did.

"Today is Peek's day, the day
he has to help his father work in the
field, the day when Farmer Bogger cuts all the
corn in his big field and we help him

plenty. So remember to look after
yourself today. You don't want to make
the day."

"I won't," said Peek, "but I think
on the way back to town he was
knocking his mighty plate on to the
floor, when he had finished—CRASH."

"He isn't," said Peek, "I think I will
go round checking man everything is
being done properly for the harvest

and the day is still young.
who could never see anything wrong
with her little boy. Most other
people could never see anything
however hard they tried.

So Peek went down to Farmer
Bogger's farmyard.

"I will check that the tractor is in
working order and ready to cut the
corn," said Peek.

"Of course. He shouldn't have
to do that," said Peek, "but that
is what he does."

First he gave it a good kick—
WHAM!

"Even a mouse can see that
was fairly all right," he said.

Then he took a large spanner and
hit every part of the engine as hard as
he could. CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"Hmmp! The engine is stronger than
I thought," he said.

Then suddenly he felt a sharpish
sound on the end of his tail.

It was made by Farmer Bogger's
hand and Farmer Bogger said:

"If you don't get out of this farm
you'll never be able to work. You
will be a real wrecker if you
keep bumping my tractor."

So off Peek the Wrecker raced.

"How ungrateful!" he gasped,
"you only trying to help."

Peek always pretended that he
hadn't meant to be naughty, but really
he knew all the time that he was
doing naughty things. He just liked
doing them.

Now as the sun was rising he wanted
to have a look around the country.

"I will go and get some fresh
milk," he thought, "and then I will
check that the tractor is still working
as he walked up Farmer Bogger's
garden path, as will check that the
tractor is still working."

As he went along he heard a
squash—so he walked up Farmer Bogger's
garden path, as will check that the
tractor is still working."

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- Now are the questions about the
story story on page 6? Try to
answer the questions for the
whole story. If you do, you will
have answered them correctly.
- 1. Who usually uses the tractor?
 - 2. What is the name of the tractor?
 - 3. Who is the most foolish person
in the story?
 - 4. When does an elephant break
out safely?
 - 5. What does an elephant eat?

THE STORIES AND PICTURES

BLACK SPOTS IN FIELD

Peek is a very small mouse
and he is very clever. He
lives in a hole in the ground.

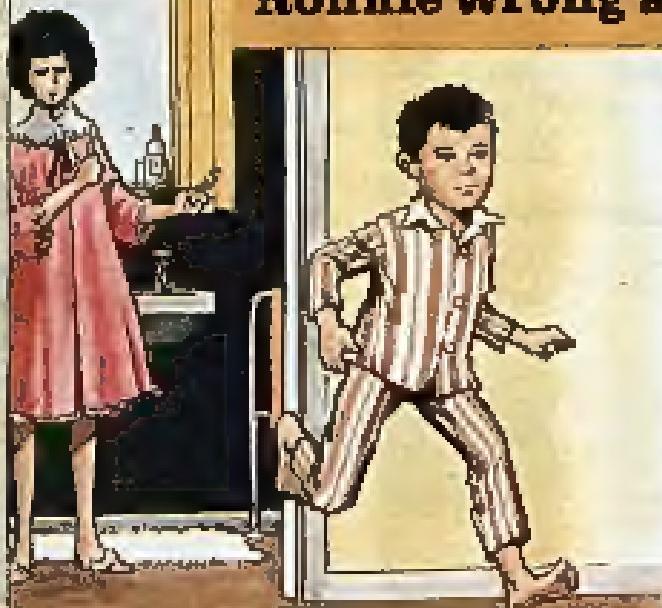
One day he was looking out
of his hole and saw a field.

The field was full of black spots
and the mouse was very curious.

He decided to go and have a look
at the field.



Ronnie Wrong and Richard Right



Ronnie Wrong never cleans his teeth unless his Mummy insists



Richard Right cleans his teeth every morning when he gets up and every night before going to bed



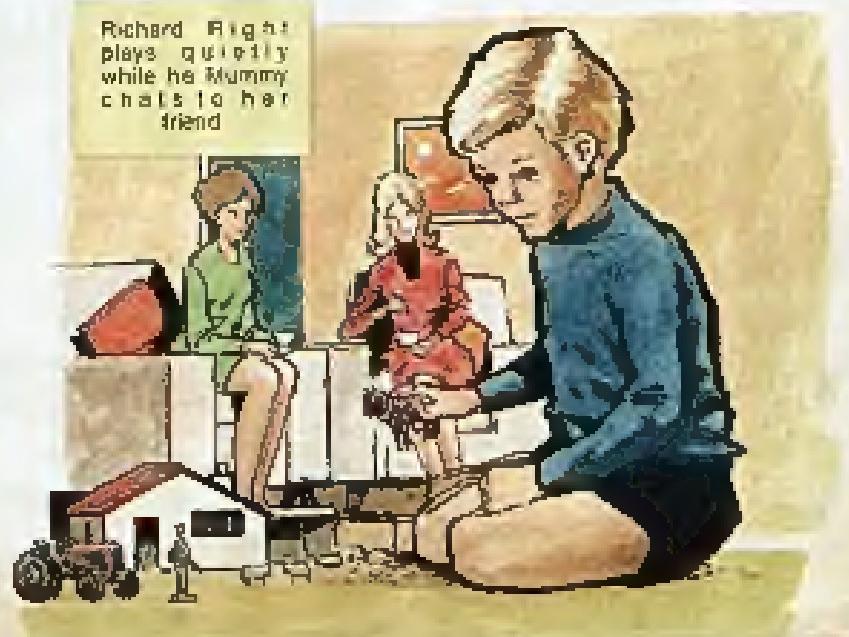
Without permission, Ronnie Wrong runs away from the table as soon as he has finished eating



Richard Right waits and always asks his Daddy for permission to leave the table



Ronnie Wrong makes too much noise whenever his Mummy or father is talking to a friend



Richard Right plays quietly while his Mummy chats to her friend



BEAUTIFUL PICTURES

This lovely picture was painted by the well-known artist Sir Edward Landseer. It is called "Dignity and Impudence" and it is his most famous painting. Sir Edwin was a very clever artist. The story is told that once he drew a stag's head with his right hand while drawing a horse's head with his left.

Whether or not the story is true, we know that he could draw almost as well with his left hand as he could with his right. He sculptured the famous lions at the foot of Nelson's column in Trafalgar Square, London. (The picture is reproduced by kind permission of the Tate Gallery, London.)



The stars are heavenly bodies similar to our own earth. Some of them are so far away that it takes millions of years for their light to reach us. And it is probable that some of these no longer exist by the time we see them twinkling in the sky.

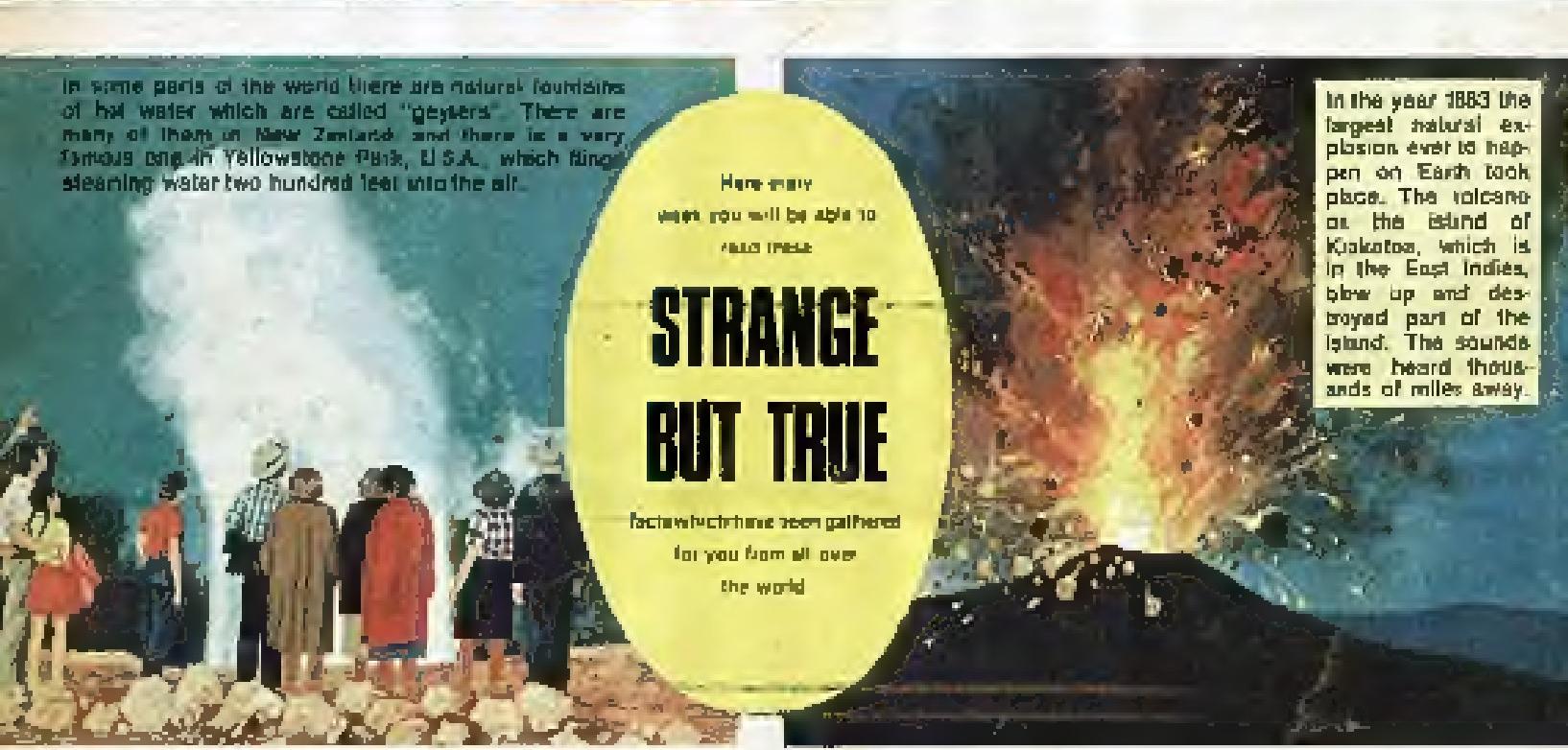
In some parts of the world there are natural mountains of hot water which are called "geysers". There are many of them in New Zealand, and there is a very famous one in Yellowstone Park, U.S.A., which flings steaming water two hundred feet into the air.

Here many
wonderful
things you will be able to
read these

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Facts which have been gathered
for you from all over
the world

In the year 1883 the largest natural explosion ever to happen on Earth took place. The volcano on the island of Krakatoa, which is in the East Indies, blew up and destroyed part of the island. The sounds were heard thousands of miles away.



Playing with the sand when you are on holiday at the seaside is great fun, but have you ever wondered how the sand gets there? It is created by the movement of the sea, which slowly grinds rocks down to tiny grains.



The pleasant-smelling perfumes which ladies like to use are nearly all made from flowers or similar plants. Perhaps this is not surprising if you have ever smelt the lovely scents in a flower garden on a summer evening.

